

Global Rehabilitation

Trustees annual report for year ended March 2022

Name: Global Rehabilitation

Date of constitution: 22/06/2018

Objectives: The relief of need for adults and children with temporary or permanent physical and complex disabilities in low- and middle-income countries by the promotion of better rehabilitation services, in particular but not exclusively by sharing of professional skills, teaching, training, advocacy and undertaking research and facilitating links for achieving the same with other reputed organisations in developing countries.

The charity trustees are as follows:

Dr. Simone Doctors

Dr. Anne Chamberlain

Dr. Martin Schweiger

Dr. Ram P Hariharan

Dr. Rory O'Connor

Dr. Stephen Halpin

Dr. Oliver Isaac

Treasurer

Mr. Sankar Raj Kuniyur Nallaperumal

The organisation carries out its purposes by.

-Facilitating volunteer visits to Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) mainly by health professionals working mainly in the UK, financially supporting their expenses, training and preparing them to deliver contextually appropriate education

-Supporting (including financially) health professional in LMICs to improve their skills through formal and informal training in their own or other countries, and by other means such as online teaching

-Empowering and equipping rehabilitation professionals in LMICs to enable them to train others aiming to sustain effective rehabilitation services within the health systems.

-Working in partnership with colleagues in LMICs, informing health policy decision makers in those countries regarding the importance of rehabilitation to the participation of disabled people in society

-Supporting (including financially) research related to rehabilitation in LMICs to increase the evidence base for their practice

Trustees have a long history of working in Madagascar, and expect to continue this partnership initially, and may involve other LMICs in the future.

There are no paid employees in the charity and all trustees, and the treasurer are volunteers.

The trustees meet every month and invite supporters and friends of the charity every other month to discuss and plan activities and training. The charity will hold an AGM towards the end of the year.

Activities in the year 2022

There is continuing request to provide further training for the rehab team that includes doctors, therapists and nurses who are now attempting to run rehabilitation departments in the regions. However due to the ongoing pandemic face to face training programmes have been put on hold. For the same reason, due to the Covid pandemic, Global Rehabilitation's support to rehabilitation doctors in Madagascar has to move online and we are exploring new ways of supporting our Malagasy colleagues using internet- and phone-based technologies.

We have all become much more dependent on the internet since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and have got used to holding meetings, attending family reunions, and learning online. This cannot be achieved without a reliable internet connection which unfortunately remains to be the situation of many of our Malagasy colleagues. We at Global Rehabilitation are aware how important a sufficiently fast and reliable internet connection is to our partners, and we have been helping provide them with this vital tool. The cost of providing a good package for one household is £7.50 for 3 months; £15.00 for 6 months; £22.50 for 9 months; £27.50 for 12 months. We have been providing financial support to our colleagues in Madagascar to get uninterrupted internet access and are continuing to do so. We are submitting the expenses incurred for this along with the returns this year and will do the same next year. Having internet connection has enabled GR to have zoom meetings with the Malagasy colleagues to plan further service developments and academic activities. Using the internet connection allows AMPR members to directly access educational resources they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

The charity was unable to carry out any of the proposed plans for fund raising events due to the pandemic. However, one of our trustees, Prof Anne Chamberlain, put up a stall at the local Farmers market at Oakwood, in October 2022. This brought lots of enquiries about what GR does and nice discussions with people who had been to Madagascar or Mauritius, and a few sales of Malagasy trivia. Details of this will be presented with the next report.

On Monday, December 12, 2022, GR had an excellent round table discussion on learning, virtual, face to face and hybrid.

Please find below the financial report of the charity for the financial year 2021-22

Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
Donations	3427.00
Fundraising	0.00
Grants	0.00
Other	0.00
Payments	
Salaries	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
Travel	
Training	3216.48
Admin.	184.00
Other	0.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	
Fixed Assets	0.00
Opening Funds	21,173.34
Closing Funds	21,200.35
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2022	21,200.35

Proposed activities for 2022 - 2023:

The charity continues to work with the Malagasy team to plan and develop further training in Rehabilitation Medicine. Discussions are ongoing with the Madagascar colleagues and the university of Antananarivo to formulate a curriculum to run a second diploma programme in Rehabilitation medicine. This time it will be delivered jointly by trainers from Yorkshire and by the Malagasy team, many of whom are graduates of the first diploma and, as the first cohort of Malagasy rehabilitation doctors, have gone on to form a dynamic association of rehabilitation medicine (AMPR-Mada), conduct research and publish papers. We have been able to make slow progress in this area due to the Malagasy team being busy dealing with natural disasters like a heavy cyclone causing a lot of flooding affecting not just service delivery but impacting on the daily routines of many professionals.

The AMPR wish to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their association by running a congress with the theme of Spinal Cord Injuries [SCI] in September 2023 [dates TBC]. It has been agreed that at least one of the GR trustees will travel to Madagascar with a few volunteers to help run the congress and deliver some training in SCI. The details of this congress will be presented in the next report.